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PARIS FOR UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:PINR, MOPS, CU, FR CG

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ZAIRE

FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PREPARED FORNOON PRESS BRIEFING
JUNE 5:

1. Q: WHEN DID THE PARIS MEETING BEGIN?

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A: THE TALKS IN PARIS ON ZAIRE AT WHICH OUR DELEGATION
WAS REPRESENTED BY UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM BEGAN TODAY.
IT WILL BE A ONE DAY MEETING. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM
HAD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SOME OF THE PARTIES
YESTERDAY.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PARIS MEETING?

A: THE PARIS TALKS WILL FOCUS ON NEAR-TERM PROBLEMS WHICH THE KATANGAN INVASION OF SHABA HAS POSED FOR ZAIRE'S ECONOMY; THEY WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE SECURITY OF AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC REGION.

THE US DELEGATION TO THE TALKS AT PARIS WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF A SHORT-TO-MEDIUM TERM FRAMEWORK FOR

COORDINATION ON THE CLOSELY LINKED ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE SHABA SITUATION.

THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO DISCUSS AT THE PARIS MEETING TODAY PROBLEMS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO ZAIRE. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE BROADER QUESTION OF AN INTER-AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE WILL ARISE.

3. Q: IN THAT CONNECTION, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT MOVING AFRICAN TROOPS?

A: TROOPS FROM MOROCCO AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE BEING LOCATED IN ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE AS THE RESULT OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE, AND CONTRIBUTING STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT THIS EFFORT, IN A LIMITED MANNER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLEARLY DEFINED GUIDELINES. IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEW THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS ARE BEST SOLVED BY AFRICANS. SOME CONTINGENTS OF AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO ZAIRE. THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED TRANSPORT. DETAILS OF THE AFRICAN TROOPS BEING LOCATED IN ZAIRE WILL EMERGE FROM THE PARIS MEETING.

US PARTICIPATION WILL INVOLVE NO US COMBAT FORCES. THE UNITED STATES WILL PLAY A SUPPORTING ROLE AS IT DID DURING THE EARLIER TRANSPORT OF BELGIAN TROOPS TO SHABA.

4. Q: WHAT ABOUT THE US AIRLIFT? HOW MANY FLIGHTS? HOW MANY TROOPS ARE INVOLVED? FROM WHICH COUNTRIES? HAVE WE ALREADY TAKEN OUT THE FRENCH FORCES? WHAT ABOUT BELGIAN?

A: FOR MOST OF THE DETAILS ON THE AIRLIFT I AM GOING TO HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE PENTAGON. AS OF NOON TODAY WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT 250 MOROCCANS HAD BEEN

MOVED TO ZAIRE, AND WE WILL BE ASSISTING THE FRENCH IN RETURNING THEIR TROOPS. AS TO ACTUAL COUNTRIES INVOLVED, IN OUR MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS OVERALL COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING THE AFRICAN FORCES TO ZAIRE, WE WERE TOLD THAT SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL BE CONTRIBUTING FORCES AND SEEKING AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE. DETAILS STILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT.

5. Q: WHAT SORT OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS WILL THE U.S., FRANCE AND BELGIUM IMPOSE ON ZAIRE AS CONDITIONS FOR AID?

A: WE HAVE AGREED WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS NOT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. Q: WHO IS ACCOMPANYING MR. NEWSOM?

A: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S DELEGATION CONSISTS OF REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL; LANNON WALKER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS; ROBERT J. MURRAY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (NEAR EAST, AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA); MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD B. COLLINS, DIRECTOR OF POLICY PLANNING, EUCOM; CARL C. CUNDIFF, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC POLICY STAFF, BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND NICHOLAS M. MURPHY, POLITICAL OFFICER AT OUR PARIS EMBASSY. VANCE

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